

SENATE No. 609

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the Qualifying Student Health Insurance Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUALIFYING STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and replacing it with the
3 following:-

4 Section 18. Every full-time and part-time student enrolled in a public or independent
5 institution of higher learning located in the commonwealth shall be required to have
6 comprehensive health insurance coverage that meets the definition of “creditable coverage” as
7 defined in section 1 of chapter 111M. For purposes of this section, “part-time student” shall
8 mean a student participating in at least seventy-five percent of the full-time curriculum.

9 Any public or independent institution of higher learning failing to carry out its
10 responsibilities under this section shall pay a penalty of \$1 per student for every day during
11 which the failure continues. Any penalty collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in
12 the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 57 of chapter 118E.

13 The division of insurance shall issue regulations to establish procedures to monitor
14 compliance and to implement the provisions of this section.

15 SECTION 2. Section 1 of Chapter 111M of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) under the definition of “Creditable
17 coverage” and replacing it with the following:-

18 (b) a health plan including, but not limited to, a health plan issued, renewed or delivered
19 within or without the commonwealth to an individual who is enrolled in a qualifying student
20 health program of another state;

21 SECTION 3. Section 1 of Chapter 176M of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
22 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) under the definition of ‘Creditable
23 coverage” and replacing it with the following:-

24 (b) a health plan, including, but not limited to, a health plan issued, renewed or delivered
25 within or without the commonwealth to a natural person who is enrolled in a qualifying student
26 health program of another state;

27 SECTION 4. Section 1 of Chapter 176J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
28 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) under the definition of “Creditable
29 coverage” and replacing it with the following:-

30 (b) a health plan, including, but not limited to, a health plan issued, renewed or delivered
31 within or without the commonwealth to a natural person who is enrolled in a qualifying student
32 health program of another state;